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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT relative to the use of the term "foal" and "colt."

SPONSORS: Rep. Bixby, Straf. 13; Rep. J. Aron, Sull. 4; Rep. Comtois, Belk. 7; Rep. M. Murray,
 Hills. 37; Sen. Pearl, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Environment and Agriculture

ANALYSIS

This bill replaces the term "colt" with the more inclusive term "foal" and clarifies language related to foals separated from their dams.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through.]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Five

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 27:1 Juvenile Equines. Amend RSA 644:8, III, (f) and (g) to read as follows:
- 2 (f) Has in his or her possession an equine [~~colt~~] **foal** that is less than 90 days old that is not
- 3 being nursed by its dam, unless [~~the colt was born in this state, and~~] its dam has died [~~within this state~~]
- 4 before the [~~colt became~~] **foal has turned** 90 days old;
- 5 (g) Sells an equine [~~colt~~] **foal** that is less than 90 days old that [~~is not being nursed by~~] **has**
- 6 **been separated from** its dam; or

27:2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.

Approved: May 14, 2025
Effective Date: July 13, 2025